

REMARKS

Status of Claims

The subject application was originally filed with 37 claims. Claims 1-37 were amended by a preliminary amendment. Claims 11, 12, and 18 are currently amended. Claims 1-37 remain pending.

Summary of Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement dated September 15, 2009, the Examiner indicated that the subject application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct or independent inventions:

Species I: Figures 1-7 (claims 1-10);

Species II: Figures 9-12 (claims 29-37);

Species III: Figures 13-14;

Species IV: Figures 15A, 15B, 15C (claims 11-28);

Species V: Figures 16A, 16B, 16C (including sub-features); and

Species VI: Figures 18A, 18B, 18C.

In view of the above, the Examiner has requested that Applicant elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits.

Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention designated by the Examiner as Species I namely figures 1-7 and corresponding claims 1-28, for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant notes that although the Office indicated that only claims 1-10, as originally presented, correspond to Species I, claims 11-28 are now believed to cover Species I in view of the current amendments to claims 11, 12, and 18.

CONCLUSION

With the above election, the Application is now in condition for examination and allowance on the merits. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's attention to this matter. While no additional fees are believed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any needed fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-2051 referencing attorney docket number 28125-4.

Respectfully submitted,

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